KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON WOMEN LAKE CUMBERLAND REGIONAL MEETING Hosted by Lindsey Wilson College Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Regional Coordinators: Dr. Wendy Benningfield, Kendra Leveridge Guest Speaker: Mr. John Musterman, Community Trust Bank

Total Number of Participants: 25

EQUITY

Chair: Melissa Feese

GOALS:

Training/Education for eligible workers
Identify available jobs – work with businesses
Identify available jobs suited for specific individuals
Find a way to channel women workers away from public funds
Economic Committees – develop county-by-county job database

STAR Priority Programs: Equity – EQ-B.5; EQ-C.1

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

Chair: Darryl McGaha

GOALS:

Training and educating persons who could be qualified for positions
Know job openings (maintain contact with businesses)
Tie personal interests with job
Get women away from public funds and into training/vocational schools
Get teens who are drop outs into training programs
Convince younger generation that SSI check isn't good enough – need an education
Expose children to non-traditional women's jobs
Help children find what their interests and talents are at a young age

STAR Priority Programs:

Economic Sufficiency – ES–A.1; ES-B.5

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Chair: Tracey Aaron

GOALS:

Programs to raise self-esteem
Pregnancy crisis center in Adair Co.
Offer parenting classes
Make emergency contraceptives available to sexual assault victims
More advocacy for Domestic Violence

Make sure low-income women know about free contraceptives at Health Departments

STAR Priority Progams:

PALS Mentoring Program (through local school systems)

EDUCATION

Chair: Missy Arnold

GOALS:

Let women know about available resources (such as daycare) so they can go to school Get mentors to promote self-esteem Inform women about scholarships/grants available to math and science majors Girl Power program

STAR Priority Programs:

PALS Mentoring Program (low self-esteem is the root of so many problems, and if mentoring and encouragement is given at a young age, it can prevent many problems that females face)

LEADERSHIP

Chair: Denise Fudge

GOALS:

Have encouraging speakers speak to larger groups
Make leadership key in many areas
Make businesses more aware of needs
Raise self-esteem
Have internships, job shadowing, and practicums with leaders

STAR Priority Programs:

PALS Mentoring

Inspirational female speakers for large groups